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Dr. Marshall Nirenberg  
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Dear Marshall,

I'm really grateful to Sidney for inviting me to attend and to participate in the symposium in your honor at Rutgers. It was wonderful joining with all of those whose lives you've influenced so much in this opportunity to pause, share some science, and say thanks. Phil Leder probably expressed the sense of appreciation that we all feel toward you better than any of us in his statements at the banquet. Although I spent less time in your laboratory than most of the other people there, I can honestly say that it was an extremely influential part of my development. I will always be grateful to you for that opportunity to work in your laboratory, to learn a new direction, and a new way of thinking about problems.

I've been at St. Louis University long enough to have most of the renovations complete. I hope we can find a time in the next year or two when you can visit and give a seminar.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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